

## **Summary of Major Changes in Career and Technical Education Regulations**

The major changes in the new regulations are described below.

8VAC 20-120-10 Compliance with state and federal regulations.

No substantive change.

8VAC 20-120-20 Definitions.

Data – Student performance was added as an item to include in data.

Equipment – Item 5 – The following was added to the criteria list: excludes supplies and materials as defined by the Virginia Department of Education Planning and Budget's Expenditure Structure. Additional guidelines for equipment can be found at <http://www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/Instruction/CTE/regulations/equipment.html>

Work station - Modified for clarification and reads as follows: an area in a classroom/laboratory that includes the necessary environment, instructional and consumable materials and equipment to enable each student to accomplish competencies within a career and technical education course.

8VAC 20-120-30 State/federal financial assistance.

The revision deletes the three items listed below as uses for categorical entitlements as these have not been included for funding within the last ten years.

- Travel

- Apprenticeship related instruction

- Excess cost associated with supplemental services

8VAC 20-120-40 Local career and technical education plan and application.

The revision states that the plan be submitted as specified in federal legislation.

8VAC 20-120-50 Career and Technical Education Advisory Council.

The revision changes the language to correspond to the present federal law as it relates to membership and reporting procedures. Students, teachers, and parents are added as members to the council (The Perkins Act of 1998, Section 134.(b) (4).

The requirement of the council to provide a report annually to the Department of Education was deleted as this is not required by The Perkins Act of 1998.

8VAC 20-120-60 Program evaluation.

This regulation was deleted.

8VAC 20-120-60 Reporting requirements.

No substantive changes.

8VAC 20-120-70 Management of equipment inventory.

The revision specifies the exact procedures local education agencies must follow regarding equipment purchased with state and federal funds as described in The Perkins Act of 1998 and the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR).

As specified in EDGAR, inventory must be maintained for all items of equipment purchased in whole or in part with federal funds.

Item 2 was changed from: Include a local match equal to 50% of the purchase price of the equipment to: Include a local match equal to the amount of state funding.

8VAC 20-120-80 Construction of facilities.

The revision deletes the reference to financial assistance for construction as this assistance is no longer applicable.

8VAC 20-120-90 Access to career and technical education programs.

No substantive change.

8VAC 20-120-100 New career and technical education programs.

No substantive change.

8VAC 20-120-110 Program requirements.

The revision deletes the full sequence requirement. The revision adds that competencies be industry validated and include all aspects of the industry (The Perkins Act of 1998, Section 3).

8VAC 20-120-120 Special populations.

Allows essential competency profiles provided by the DOE to be modified for students with Individualized Education Programs (IEP's) or Section 504 Plans who are enrolled in career and technical education courses. If modified, the list of essential competencies must, as a group, be selected so that student attainment of the essential competencies prepare the student for a job or occupation.

#### 8VAC 20-120-130 Cooperative education.

The revision defines cooperative education and revises the number of students in a class.

Item 1 a. was changed to allow for a maximum of 24 students in a class. The class average remains at 20 students per instructor.

#### 8VAC 20-120-140 Maximum class size.

The revision deletes the reference to 20 students and states that the enrollment shall not exceed the number of workstations.

Item 1 - The regulation limits the enrollment to 20 in a course where equipment is used that has been identified as being associated with use in a hazardous occupation. The list of these courses can be found at

<http://www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/Instruction/CTE/regulations/safety.pdf>

Item 2 – The regulation limits the enrollment to an average of 15 students per instructor, with no class being more than 18, for courses approved for students who are disadvantaged.

Item 3 – The regulation limits the enrollment to an average of 10 students per instructor with no class being more than 12 or up to an average of 12 students per class period with no class being more than 15 where an instructional aide is provided for courses approved for students with disabilities.

#### 8VAC 20-120-150 Career and technical education student organizations.

The revision changes the requirement to meet the definition of a career and technical education student organization as defined in The Perkins Act of 1998. The Act states that students engage in activities that are an integral part of the instructional program.

All career and technical education students shall be provided opportunities to participate in instructional activities of the local organization.

A career and technical education student organization shall be an integral and active part of each secondary career and technical program (grades 9, 10, 11, 12) offered.

Each middle school career and technical education program (grades 6-7-8) offered shall include co-curricular instructional activities related to the respective career and technical education student organization.

8VAC 20-120-160 Student safety.

The Perkins Act of 1998 requires that career and technical programs include all aspects of the industry with safety as one aspect. The State Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia requires that safe laboratories be provided by the local education agency. The regulation addresses safety as an integral part of the instructional program.